



NACC Chair wins Catey 2011 Public Sector Caterer Award

Derek Johnson, Chair of the National Association of Care Catering (NACC) and Principal Catering Manager for Leeds City Council was presented with the Public Sector Caterer Award last week at the annual Caterer and Hotelkeeper awards – The Cateys – the hospitality industry’s equivalent to the Oscars.

Derek won this prestigious award from a short list including Alberto Crisci, founder / trustee of The Clink Charity. It is awarded to those who have had a long and successful career in public sector catering, and in the hospitality industry in general. In Derek’s case he has championed public sector catering both at home and abroad; throughout his professional career and as past Chair of the Healthcare Caterers International (HCI).

In presenting the award the panel noted in particular ‘his determination always to improve the service he gives to his customers’. They also were impressed at the time and commitment he gives to the industry outside his day job: for example, his development of the Care Cook of the Year competition; co-ordination of National Meals on Wheels Week; commitment to developing best practice guidance for the care catering industry and his being one of the driving forces behind the “No one should go hungry campaign.”

In receiving his award Derek said “I am absolutely delighted to win this top industry award. To achieve the recognition of my peers against such formidable competition is wonderful, and hopefully reflects the work we (the NACC) are doing to raise the profile of the care sector. When I look at the list of winners I feel so proud & humble to be in such prestigious company”

Speaking about the latest NACC initiative which was referred to in the citation given on the presentation of the Award, Derek quoted “ Our No One Should Go Hungry campaign can really deliver excellent results in terms of improving the quality and well being of the most vulnerable in society, whilst easing the pressure on public sector purse strings.”

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Notes to editors:

The National Association of Care Catering (NACC) is a progressive organisation representing professionals providing catering to the care industry. They are recognised by Local Authorities, independent providers, the charitable sector and Government departments as a prime source of information and opinion on all aspects of catering within the care sector and whose primary aim is to improve standards.

The NACC has a petition asking for support in raising awareness of this issue, and that of malnutrition to a wider audience. For more information log on to www.thenacc.co.uk

The NACC’s No One Should Go Hungry campaign is an ongoing campaign to raise the profile of malnutrition in the care sector, and demonstrate the benefits to all of good nutrition. Improved quality of life for those at risk, less demands on their carers, health and social care services.

The NACC works with a number of partners to:

- To promote and enrich the standard of catering within the care sector, whether that catering be provided by Social Care Departments or other Caring Agencies
- To provide a forum for debate among individuals, companies and organisations of all kinds involved in catering for the care sector
- To facilitate the exchange of information, experience and expertise
- To promote the development of professional standards among those involved in catering for the care sector
- To commission research into matters relating to catering for the care sector
- To publish guidelines, policy papers and authoritative statements on all aspects of catering for the care sector